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NATIONAL DEFENSE READING LIST

Reading List of Selected Titles of Government Publications,
Speeches, Pamphlets, Visual Material, and Motion Pictures
on the Subject of Agriculture and Defense.

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FOREWORD:

This reading list has been compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture in response to requests from farm people for sources of information on national defense. The inquiries have concerned both the part of agriculture, and the National Defense Program as a whole.

Therefore, the list is divided into two parts. Part One contains the titles of publications, speeches, radio talks, and moving pictures issued by the Department of Agriculture since June 1940 on the subject of Agriculture and Defense. As the role of farmers in defense includes the strengthening of existing programs for achieving a balanced agriculture, the list includes a few titles of outstanding publications issued before the National Defense Program began.

Part Two contains titles of a few of the timely publications and motion pictures available on request to other governmental agencies. Sources of information are suggested on the armed forces, the rearmament program, national resources for defense, vocational training for defense industries, Latin American relations, public health, employment services, housing, and the Government as a whole.

The Government departments or agencies listed in Part Two will be glad to supply, on request, a complete list of their available publications or motion pictures. To save time, such requests should be addressed directly to the department or agency concerned, and not to the Department of Agriculture.



PART I --- Material Available for Public Distribution from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Agricultural Adjustment Administration:

Discussion outline on "National Defense and Agriculture," August 1940.

"The Meaning of Total Defense," by Karl Olsen, August 1940, mimeographed.

"America Has Chosen," address by Robert Montgomery of the University of Texas, before the AAA conference, July 11, 1940.

"The American Farmer and National Defense," address by Administrator R. M. Evans at North Carolina State College, July 30, 1940.

"Briefly Speaking," issues of July 21, 1940, "Farmers in National Defense," and October 15, 1940, "Agriculture Looks to Latin America."

"The Pan-American Trade Problem in Brief," 13 pages, mimeographed, with summaries of imports and exports.

Film strips, "America Has Plenty of Food," and "Food is Strength."

In preparation by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, a motion picture on the subject of Agriculture and Defense, for release late in 1940; also a 3-reel film with a tentative title, "The Land," on the American farm problem.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics:

In preparation, November issue of "Land Policy Review," which will be devoted entirely to agriculture and defense.

Consumers' Counsel Division:

Food and National Defense issue of "Consumers' Guide."

Extension Service:

"Nutrition and Defense," address by Director M. L. Wilson, October 21, 1940.

Office of Information:

"The Defense of Our American Democracy," by Secretary Wallace over CBS June 4, 1940.

"People and Natural Resources," address by Secretary Wallace at Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont, June 15, 1940.

"Toward New World Solidarity," address by Secretary Wallace, broadcast June 30, 1940.

"Toward National Unity," address by Secretary Wallace at the American Negro Exposition, Chicago, Illinois, September 2, 1940.

"Rural Electrification Progress and Farm Preparedness," address by Secretary Wickard at Cassopolis, Michigan, September 7, 1940.

"Farm and City Unity in Defense," radio talk by Secretary Wickard, September 21, 1940, over CBS.

"Agricultural Unity, the Front Line of Defense," address by Secretary Wickard at State College, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1940.

"Working Together in Agriculture," address by Secretary Wickard, October 10, 1940, at Jamestown, North Dakota.

"Farm Organizations and Democracy," address by Secretary Wickard at the annual convention of the Indiana State Grange, Columbus, Indiana, October 16, 1940.

"Making Democracy Work," address by Grover B. Hill before the annual conference of Extension Service workers, Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 30, 1940.

"Outlook for Fruits and Vegetables, Especially as Influenced by the War," address by Eric Englund, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Pittsburgh, August 15, 1940.

National Farm and Home Hour:

Series of radio programs on subject of "Agriculture in Defense."

No. 1 -- "Our Farm People Are Skilled and Organized," September 6, 1940.

No. 2 -- "We Have Plenty of Land Resources," September 23, 1940.

No. 3 -- "Cooperative Machinery for Making Our Land and Our Skills Most Effective," September 30, 1940.

No. 4 -- "We Have an Abundance of Food and Fiber," October 3, 1940.

No. 5 -- "Agriculture's War Insurance," October 7, 1940.

No. 6 -- "Putting Abundance to Work," October 17, 1940.

No. 7 -- "We Have the Power," October 21, 1940.

No. 8 -- "We Manage Our Forests for Defense," October 28, 1940.

No. 9 -- "Science, Agriculture, and Defense," November 4, 1940.

This series will be continued.

Annual Report of the Secretary of Agriculture for 1940 will be available from the Government Printing Office toward the end of the calendar year. This report will contain a chapter on Agriculture and Defense. Order from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

Rural Electrification Administration:

Press Release No. 240, July 1, 1940, on mobile generating plants in defense.

"Rural Electrification News," printed monthly. July 1940 issue has lead article on "REA and the National Defense." September lead article, "Power for Defense." August issue has brief article on "Defense Council Given Rural Line Specifications." November issue contains article on "REA and Decentralization of Industry."

Soil Conservation Service:

"Soil Conservation and National Defense," address by Dr. H. H. Bennett, Lake George, New York, August 17.

Existing Department Material on Subjects Related to National Defense:

"Achieving a Balanced Agriculture," revised April 1940.

"To Hold This Soil," by Russell Lord, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., 45 cents.

"School Lunches Using Farm Surpluses," (contains menus and recipes for preparing foods in large quantities.)

"Well-nourished Children."

"Diets to Fit the Family Income."

"Forestry and Permanent Prosperity."

"Care and Improvement of the Farm Woods."

"The River," a movie distributed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"Three Counties Against Syphilis," (treatment of subject suitable for any audience.) 2 reels, 16 and 35 mm. sound. Distributed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Public Health Service.

PART II -- Material Available from Other Government Departments and Agencies.

The National Defense Advisory Commission, Washington, D. C., will send on request a series of ten printed press releases on the subject "Our Defense," seven on "Building for Defense," and six on the subject of the Navy. Most aspects of the defense program are explained in these releases. The Commission also has in preparation a complete report on the progress of the program.

"The Army of the United States," Senate Document #91, 76th Congress, First Session. Order from Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. \$1.00.

"The U. S. Navy." Order from Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., 10 cents.

"Service With the Colors." On request to any U. S. Army Recruiting Office.

"Facts Regarding Enlistment in the United States Army." On request to any U. S. Army Recruiting Office.

"Wings Over America." On request to any U. S. Army Recruiting Office.

"The American Red Cross, Its Organization and Activities." On request to the American National Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

"Selective Service Regulations, Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6." May be obtained from the local draft board, the State Selective Service Committee, or the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. Regulations may also be consulted in public libraries.

Information on the Student-Pilot Training Program will be sent on request to the Civil Aeronautics Board, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

"Employment Service and the Defense Program." Sent on request to the Social Security Board, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

"Matching Men and Jobs: The Work of the Public Employment Office." On request to the Social Security Board, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

"Report on the Vocational Education Defense Program," available on request to U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

In preparation by the U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C., "Voices of Democracy," a patriotic speakers' handbook containing famous quotations, stories, and a complete annotated bibliography on democracy. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

"National Resources, Facts and Problems," on request to the National Resources Planning Board, Washington, D. C.

"National Defense: The Role of the Southeast and the TVA," D. E. Lilienthal, Tennessee Valley Authority, Washington, D. C.

A printed booklet, "Millions for Defense," free on request to the Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C. (Describes emergency expenditures for national defense, 1933-1940).

A mimeographed weekly bulletin, "This Week in Defense," issued by the Office of Government Reports, may be obtained on request to the Office of Government Reports, Washington, D. C., or to its nearest State office.

U. S. Government Manual, sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. (Revised three times yearly. Annual Subscription, cloth \$3.50; paper, \$2.00. Single copies, cloth \$1.25; paper, \$0.75.) The U. S. Government Manual covers the organizations, functions, and activities of all branches of the Government. The July 1940 edition includes a section on the National Defense Program, with statements by each agency of the Government as to its part in the program.

Illustrated bulletins on each of the 20 American Republics to the South are available at 5 cents each, upon request to the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. The American Nations series are as follows:

Argentina	Costa Rica	Guatemala	Panama
Bolivia	Cuba	Haiti	Paraguay
Brazil	Dominican Republic	Honduras	Peru
Chili	Ecuador	Mexico	Uruguay
Colombia	El Salvador	Nicaragua	Venezuela

"Rural Housing," folder on request to the U. S. Housing Authority, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C. (Explains the rural housing program of that agency.)

"Communicable Diseases," M. P. No. 30, on request to the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

"Personal Hygiene," Supplement No. 137, on request to the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

"Home Sanitation," on request to the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

"Forests and Human Welfare," on request to the Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Motion Pictures:

"America Builds Ships," 16 sound (13 minutes) kodachrome, showing the ship-building program of the U. S. Maritime Commission. For information, write to Robert W. Horton, Director of Information, National Defense Advisory Commission, Washington, D. C.

"Good Neighbors," available from depositories in various sections of the country. Write to the U. S. Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C., for the name and location of the film library nearest you from which you can make a booking of this picture.

"Housing in Our Time," on request to the U. S. Housing Authority, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C.

Complete lists of motion pictures available will be sent on request to the War Department, the Navy Department, the Pan American Union, the Department of Agriculture, and other Government agencies.

